

*****LEGAL NOTICE*****

**Michigan Bluff Community Protection Project,
American River Ranger District,
Tahoe National Forest, Placer County, CA**

The Tahoe National Forest (TNF) is initiating public scoping on the proposed Michigan Bluff Community Protection Project. The project, located in the TNF on the American River Ranger District, is north and east of Foresthill, California. The vegetation within the project area consists primarily of nearly 60-year-old ponderosa pine plantations and dense mixed conifer stands. The project location, perched on a ridge top between several large canyons and several smaller drainages, is in an area susceptible to wildfires.

Vegetation treatments to reduce fuel loads and improve forest health and resilience are proposed on up to 3,000 acres of National Forest System lands. A combination of mastication and prescribed fire on 1,792 acres, thinning of conifers on 925 acres, creating roadside fuel breaks on 4.3 miles of roads and removing hazard trees on 13 miles of roads is being proposed within the project area. Michigan Bluff Project information, including detailed maps, is available on the Tahoe National Forest website for review at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/tahoe/landmanagement/projects>. Paper copies of the documents are also available upon request from the project contact listed below.

Please submit your comments within 30 days after publication of the scoping legal notice in The Union newspaper, and preferably at the start of the public scoping period for the Michigan Bluff Community Protection Project. The Forest Service takes scoping comments into consideration to help identify issues while preparing a Decision Memo, expected by September 2019.

If you have information you believe the Forest Service may not be aware of or have issues (points of dispute, debate or disagreement) regarding potential effects of the proposed action, please submit those comments in writing either electronically or by mail to: Michael Woodbridge, District Ranger, C/O Kelly Pavlica, American River Ranger District, 22830 Foresthill Road, Foresthill, California, 95631; FAX (530) 367-2992. The office business hours for hand-delivered written comments are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf) or Word (.doc) to comments-pacificsouthwest-tahoe-american-river@fs.fed.us with subject line "Michigan Bluff."

For additional information concerning the proposed action, please contact Kelly Pavlica, Silviculturist, on the American River Ranger District at (530) 367-2224 ext. 248.

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